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TO: Minerals File

FROM: D. Wayne Hedberg, Permit Supervisor 

RE: Inspection Memo, Robert Steele & Tony Peck, Nephi-Steele Gypsum Quarry, M/023/011, Juab County, Utah

Date of Inspection: March 12, 2003

Purpose of Inspection: To determine status of operations and condition of mine site.

Time of Inspection: 12:50 – 1:15 p.m.

Weather: Sunny and warm.

Participants: Wayne Hedberg - DOGM

On March 12, 2003, a short, unplanned inspection was performed at the Nephi Gypsum Quarry. The purpose of this inspection was to determine the operational status and onsite conditions. There was no one at the mine upon my arrival and no evidence of recent mining activity at the quarry area. It appeared that the mine has been in a state of suspension for some time. The cable gates were down at both the upper and lower access points to the mine and stockpile areas. Recent vehicular traffic was noted as evidenced by muddy ruts in the access roads crossing the mine site area.

Some mine processing equipment remains onsite. A portable, partially-dismantled/stripped crushing & screening system is still located near the quarry pit. A locked, wooden, tuff-shed (~8 X 12 ft.), which appeared to be a self-contained high voltage power supply system for the crusher, also remains onsite. The covered product storage area, located on the private property immediately west of the active mine area, was depleted of stored gypsum product. The stockpiles of gypsum product in the quarry and crusher area are also nearly gone.

I drove to the upper (east) entrance to the mine site where a large waste fines area has existed for many years. This stockpile is now nearly 2/3rds gone. It was apparent that materials have been removed fairly recently, although no loaders, trucks or other mining related equipment was stored here. An older, white 40-foot semi-trailer, that has been on the property for years, has had the rear end ripped off. It did not appear to contain anything of significant

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value (scrap metal, old wheel rims, wire, etc.). A small bone-yard still exists just east and adjacent to the waste fines stockpile area and stream. It contains old rusted pieces of processing machinery, mine parts and scrap metal scattered around the area.

There is some evidence of onsite erosion occurring in a few areas, but otherwise the site appeared to be relatively stable. I did not notice any signs of significant offsite erosion or sedimentation. No photos were taken during the inspection (no camera). I left the site around 1:15 p.m. for a schedule meeting in Levan.

Recommendations:

Keep an eye on the site from time to time to check for signs of activity and instability. If no activity within a 5-year period, then we may want to consider asking the operator to begin reclamation actions.

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cc: Tom Munson, DOGM

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